

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Tutvedt, on March 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Chair (R)
Sen. Fred Thomas, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Julie Ward, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 359, 2/23/2015; SB 378, 2/23/2015

Executive Action: SB 156, HB 169

HEARING ON SB 378

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:15 Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 378, Revise military pay exemption from state income taxes.

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:42 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard (MTNG)

00:12:20 Gene Walborn, deputy director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

00:20:12 Tim Gavin, American Legion

00:20:31 Mike Clouse, Montana Department of Disabled Veterans (DAV)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:21:01 Jamie Peterson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(tas47a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:25 Sen. Barrett

00:33:10 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:34:39 Sen. Cohenour

00:35:12 Mr. Higgins, MTNG

00:36:03 Mr. Walborn, DOR

00:38:40 Chairman Tutvedt

00:39:00 Mr. Walborn

00:39:30 Chairman Tutvedt

00:39:50 Mr. Walborn

00:41:54 Sen. Brown

00:42:33 Mr. Walborn

00:43:53 Sen. Brown

00:44:22 Mr. Walborn

00:45:27 Sen. Cohenour

00:46:20 Sen. Brown

00:46:40 Mr. Walborn

00:47:12 Sen. Brown

00:47:41 Mr. Higgins

00:50:25 Sen. Brown

00:51:08 Mr. Higgins

00:53:45 Sen. Ankney

00:54:21 Mr. Higgins

00:54:32 Sen. Ankney

00:55:48 Mr. Higgins

00:57:04 Sen. Brown

00:57:15 Mr. Higgins

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:53 Sen. Arntzen

HEARING ON HB 359

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:00 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 359, Revise laws related to inflation indexing of income taxes.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:04:14 Edward Caplis, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:07:17 Sen. Pomnichowski

01:07:42 Mr. Caplis, DOR

01:07:58 Sen. Thomas

01:08:43 Mr. Caplis

01:09:08 Sen. Thomas

01:09:25 Mr. Caplis

01:09:36 Sen. Thomas

01:09:53 Sen. Kaufmann

01:10:15 Mr. Caplis

01:10:46 Sen. Kaufmann

01:10:59 Mr. Caplis

01:11:14 Sen. Barrett

01:12:13 Mr. Caplis

01:12:32 Sen. Barrett

01:12:54 Mr. Caplis

01:13:09 Sen. Barrett

01:13:24 Mr. Caplis

01:14:16 Sen. Cohenour

01:14:35 Mr. Caplis

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01:14:45 Sen. Brown

01:15:32 Sen. Hoven

01:15:40 Mr. Caplis

01:15:57 Sen. Thomas

01:16:35 Mr. Caplis

01:17:33 Sen. Thomas
01:17:52 Mr. Caplis
01:18:09 Chairman Tutvedt

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:25 Rep. Ed Lieser

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 156

01:19:03 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 156 DO NOT PASS.**

01:19:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Thomas moved that **SB 156 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Taylor were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169

01:22:05 **Motion:** Sen. Thomas moved that **HB 169 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:39 Chairman Tutvedt
01:23:00 Sen. Hoven

01:23:14 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven moved that **SB 156 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel and Sen. Taylor were excused.

Committee Business:

01:23:35 Chairman Tutvedt
01:25:48 Sen. Kaufmann
01:26:00 Chairman Tutvedt
01:26:27 Sen. Barrett
01:27:37 Sen. Thomas
01:27:53 Sen. Malek
01:28:16 Sen. Ankney
01:29:19 Chairman Thomas
01:29:45 Sen. Pomnichowski
01:30:17 Chairman Tutvedt
01:32:34 Sen. Hoven
01:32:51 Chairman Tutvedt

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:37 A.M.

Julie Ward, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tas47aad.pdf](#))